



Regents Recap

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REGENTS APPROVES REMEDIAL PILOT

BATON ROUGE, La – The Board of Regents approved a pilot program today that could impact the minimum admissions criteria for regional universities in 2014. Current policy dictates that regional universities will no longer be able to admit students needing developmental courses beginning in 2014 (the flagship and statewide universities can not offer developmental courses in the Fall, 2012). However, national programs seeking to improve college retention and completion including Complete College America (CCA) and Education Commission of the States (ECS) have recently promoted the idea of providing remedial instruction concurrently with a college-level course as a way to improve overall student success causing Regents to consider the pilot.

“National research initiatives suggest that students who begin in college-level courses with some support rather than just taking remedial classes separately are more likely to not only pass the course, but also to successfully continue in college,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell. “Since the regional universities have some time before the higher admission standards kick in I thought it was the perfect opportunity to study this possibility in Louisiana to see if produced results for our students.”

Under the pilot, students who earn a Mathematics ACT sub-score of at least 17 or an English ACT sub-score of at least 16 would be eligible to take developmental courses in mathematics or English along with college-level courses as either two co-requisite classes, an extended section, or as mandatory supplemental instruction. Students will take a diagnostic test at the beginning and end of the pilot to assess growth. Upon successful completion of the college-level course, students in the pilot will be encouraged to enroll in a second college-level course in the next semester. By the Spring semester of 2014, Regents will have enough data to evaluate the results of the program to determine whether to revise the Minimum Admission Standards.

REGENTS’ BUDGET RESOLUTION

The Board of Regents adopted a resolution to be sent to the Legislature urging and requesting them to look for viable options to protect and preserve Louisiana’s higher education community from further budget reductions. As it stands today, HB 1 includes more than \$225 million in cuts for public colleges and universities.

“Accepting this level of cuts to higher education would be devastating,” said Board of Regents Chairman Bob Levy. “Our institutions play an important role in our state’s economy and in developing the workforce Louisiana will need now and in the future. We want the legislature to clearly hear our plea to make our colleges and universities a priority in the budget.”

Regents Highlights

The Board of Regents approved revisions to its Statewide General Education Requirements.

The Board of Regents approved the 2012-13 Master Course Articulation Matrix and Louisiana Common Course Catalog.

The Board of Regents approved the following program termination:

- Southeastern Louisiana University-Associate of General Studies

The Board of Regents approved the following New Academic Programs:

- Southern University-Shreveport-CAS in Sterile Processing Technician
- McNeese State University-PBC in Nursing Case Management
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette-GC in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Nicholls State University-MS in Nursing with membership in ICMSN
- Louisiana Tech University-Ph.D. in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology

The Board of Regents reauthorized the following previously approved research units:

- McNeese State University-Institute for Industry-Education Collaboration

The Board of Regents approved the following teacher education degrees at Grambling State University:

- Master of Arts in Teaching (Expansion of Teacher Ed Redesign)

The Board of Regents approved the following conditionally approved research unit:

- University of Louisiana at Lafayette-Center for Moving Image Arts

The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:

- American College of Education
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Northwood University
- Nova Southeastern University
- A&W Healthcare Educators, LLC
- Academy of Acadiana, Inc.
- At-Home Professions
- Blue Cliff College (Houma, Metairie, Metairie Satellite Campus, Shreveport)
- Coastal College (Lafayette, Monroe)
- Delta College of Arts & Technology
- Delta School of Business and Technology
- J W Training Center, LLC
- Lenora School of Phlebotomy
- Louisiana Culinary Institute
- Medical Careers College
- The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools
- Scalifani's Cooking School
- Unitech Training Academy, Inc. (and Houma Campus)
- Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (and Florida Branch)
- Wyo Tech (Pennsylvania and Wyoming Campuses)

Regents Recognize Student Member



The Board of Regents recognized student member John Mineo IV during their regular meeting. Regent Mineo graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the University of New Orleans earlier this month and has completed his term of office.

Regents' Highlights cont.....

The Board of Regents approved the following Change in Ownership Applications:

- **BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge and New Orleans)**

The Board of Regents approved the following AOS Degree Applications:

- **Virginia College (Shreveport)**

The Board of Regents approved an extension of the operating license for Delta International University until January 31, 2013.

The Board of Regents approved revisions to R.S. 17:1808 regarding requirements for teacher education and education leadership programs.

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects:

- **LSU Law School Bathroom Finishes Upgrades (auxiliary funds)**
- **Louisiana State University and A&M College Pool Filter Replacements, LSU Natatorium (auxiliary funds)**
- **Louisiana State University and A&M College Small Animal Clinic Admission Renovation (state funds)**
- **Louisiana State University and A&M College Hill Memorial Archive Space HVAC Remediation (state funds)**

The Board of Regents approved a project utilizing alternative means of financing for:

- **Louisiana State University and A&M College-stadium facilities**

The Board of Regents approved a lease for the Louisiana State University System for use of land by the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation.

The Board of Regents approved an Interim Emergency Board Request by the University of Louisiana System for HVAC piping at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.